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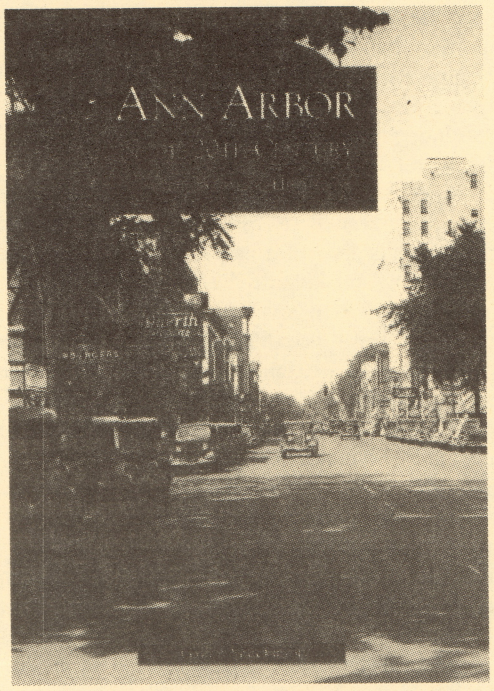
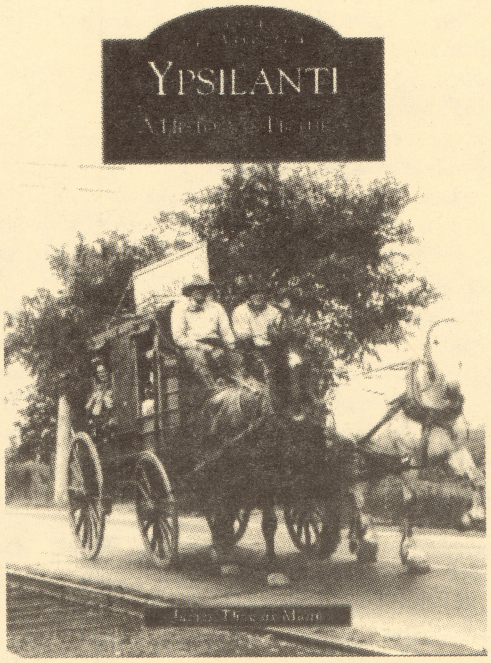
Museum Shop Has Lots Of Goodies



Grace Shackman's second book on 20th century Ann Arbor is now on sale in the Museum Shop.



James Mann's book on Ypsilanti is also available at our Museum Shop.

Our shop will be open during our two Open Houses the first two weekends of December and shop manager **Sue Kosky** has outdone herself in finding great items. Once again we are featuring a book by **Grace Shackman** this time on ***Ann Arbor in the 20th Century***. Also featured from the same series from Arcadia Press is **James Mann's** ***Ypsilanti—A History in Pictures.*** Both are $20. In addition, some other books for sale include Reade and Wineberg's ***Historic Buildings of Ann Arbor;*** Lou Doll's book on ***Frank Porter Glazier***, Milo Ryan's ***View of a Universe***; Russell Bidlack's ***Ann Arbor's First Lady, Ann Allen***; May Brawley Hill's ***Grandmother's Garden,*** The ***1896 Ann Arbor Headlight***; ***Northfield Harvest*** by Wystan Stevens; ***Recipes of the Old German Restaurant*** by Marzella Leib; ***Heirloom Flowers*** by Tovah Martin; ***Landscapes and Gardens for Historic Buildings*** by Favretti; and ***Pipe Organs of Ann Arbor*** by James Wilkes. This is only a sample of the books on hand, which also include out of print books on Manchester, Saline and Chelsea.

In addition to books, Sue has ordered a ***trivet*** with a blue sketch of the museum on a white background. On the back is a summary of the history of the house and the society. We will also have toys and children's books for sale,

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Next Program

Sunday • February 16th
Court House Square Community Center

Pam Newhouse talks about *"The Civil War Letters of the Ryder Brothers."*
It will be held at Court House Square Community Center, 100 S. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor.

'G' Stands For Geometry
The Masons Of Washtenaw County

On Sunday October 20th at the Bentley Library, some 70 people attended a fact-filled program on the Masons of Washtenaw County. Organized by ***Karl Grube,*** *a retired professor of Education, a mason for over 34 years and the current Education Officer of Ann Arbor Fraternity Lodge #262, we heard papers delivered by* ***Richard H. Sands*** *on Judge Augustus Woodward;* ***Sean S. Dykhouse*** *on Ann Arbor Lodge #262;* ***Jerry Preston*** *on Golden Rule Lodge #159;* ***Frank P. Pope*** *on the Zal Gaz Grotto;* ***Earl E. Gunnels*** *on Phoenix Lodge #13 (Ypsilanti);* ***Douglas R. Gibbs*** *on Prince Hall; and* ***Paul C. Howell*** *on the York Rite. Grube sat on the sidelines, threatening speakers with the Tiler's Sword if anyone went over their time limit. They all seemed dutifully cowed and we managed to cover this very big topic within our two-hour time limit. We will present abstracts of those papers here, and if you are interested in the reading the papers in their entirety, you can access them through Dr. Grube's website at* ***www.gamesbygrube.com/wchs.html.***

On display in the meeting room was a painting that was donated to the Bentley by the Masons of Michigan. It was painted in 1966 by Robert Thom and depicts the ***Founding of the University of Michigan*** *in Detroit in 1817. Detroit's Worshipful Master* ***Sylvester Day*** *is seen shaking hands with* ***Father Gabriel Richard,*** *who is flanked by* ***Rev. John Monteith*** *and* ***August Brevoort Woodward****. Many of the earliest subscribers to the founding of the University were Masons and this realistic painting records its very beginnings.*

Grube thanked the Bentley and noted that much Masonic history is here—and this is due primarily to the fact that Brother Roscoe O. Bonisteel was a Regent from 1946-1972. Bonisteel's priorities were libraries and museums—not football! The collections at these libraries on campus are because of him, and he helped the Bentley acquire Rev. Monteith's and Father Richard's Collections.

Grube also noted that he's often asked, "Who are the Masons?" He held up a brochure they hand out to explain their philosophy and organization. [Ed: According to the Making of Ann Arbor (**www.aadl.org/moaa**), masonry refers to the oldest secret society in the world. Also called Free and Accepted Masons (F &A), they are not governed by any central authority, which is divided among groups referred to as 'grand lodges.' Religious tolerance, loyalty to local government, and political compromise were basic beliefs. **George Washington, Benjamin Franklin** and many Revolutionary War leaders were Masons. Despite its popularity the organization is still controversial in some countries. In early Ann Arbor in the 1830s, the earliest newspaper, the ***Western Emigrant***, was published by **Samuel Dexter** and **John Allen** (founders of Dexter and Ann Arbor respectively). This was an anti-Masonic organ and an anti-masonic political party was active in the 1830s and 1840s in Washtenaw County. Despite this early opposition, Masonry has thrived in the county, as we will see from the following papers].

According to **Dr. Richard H. Sands,** Emeritus Professor of Physics, University of Michigan, spoke on "***Judge August Woodward—a Freemason and Founder of the First Public Education System in America.***" He was one of the first of three federally appointed judges in the Territory of Michigan, having made a name for himself when he represented Oliver Pollack before Congress in his case for restitution of funds expended in support of the expedition of George Rogers Clark to recapture the Northwest Territories from the British. Woodward became a close friend of Thomas Jefferson at this time. "Arriving shortly after the fire that leveled Detroit, he left his imprint on the layout of the streets, having been influenced by the plan by L'Enfant for Washington, D.C. Woodward was the only one of the civil officers to remain in Detroit during the War of 1812. He was widely read and developed a system of nomenclature that rivaled the best of the time. He helped the needy during and after the War of 1812, and drafted the act of 1817 that established the University of Michigania and began the first truly public schools in America.

In 1824, he lost his judgeship to "dirty" politics, but was able to clear his name and receive an appointment as judge in the new Territory of Florida, where he died on June 23, 1827, at the age of 52. His grave is unknown.

Sean S. Dykhouse, JW, spoke on "***Fraternity and History: The Past and Present of Ann Arbor Fraternity Lodge No 262 and Predecessors***." The original lodge of Freemasons which met in the Ann Arbor area was officially founded in 1827 and was known as the Western Star Lodge. Earlier lodges had been operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of New York and among the founding members of the Western Star was Mr. **Henry Rumsey**, the brother of the co-founder of Ann Arbor, Elisha W. Rumsey. Western Star Lodge No. 6 received dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Michigan in 1827.

In Ann Arbor, a brand new lodge was formed and was called the **Oriental Lodge No. 15** when it was officially chartered in 1847. A bar on the first floor of the building at Huron and Main was called the Orient, and was immortalized in a famous song about the University " I want to go back to Michigan, to Joe's and the Orient..." However, by 1858 the Grand Lodge of Michigan had revoked its charter. During

Douglas Gibbs of St Mary's Lodge #4, Prince Hall Masons. Photo by Susan Wineberg.

this time a number of Freemasons were building their own Lodge, having demitted from the Oriental Lodge. This new group was officially chartered as Ann Arbor Lodge No. 85 in 1857, and assumed control of the location and furniture of the prior lodge at 109 N. Main Street (third floor). This lodge continued work until a disruption arose over new quarters and the charter disappeared in the late 1860s.

Thirteen brothers petitioned the Grand Lodge and were officially granted the dispensation in **1869** to form **Fraternity Lodge No. 262** at the new location at **215-217 S. Main St.** *(Ed: check out the skull and crossbones still visible on the front of this building!)* This lodge was their home until 1885 when they moved back to the third floor of the building at the corner of Huron and Main (*Ed: this building was often referred to as the Masonic Building).* In 1922 the Masonic Temple was opened at **327 S. Fourth Ave** and remained the home of the Masonic Lodges until 1975 when it was demolished (with much protest) by the Federal government for the Federal Building now occupying the site.

In 1978 a new building was dedicated on West Liberty St, just outside the city limits of Ann Arbor. It now houses the Ann Arbor Fraternity Lodge as one of several Masonic Bodies who lease space from an overseeing Masonic Temple Board. This Lodge now boasts a growing membership, continuing charity work and a presence to potential new members, both on the Internet and by telephone."

Dr. Richard Sands stands in front of Robert Thom's painting of *"The Founding of the University of Michigan"* in 1817. In the painting from left to right are Sylvester Day, Grand Master, Rev. John Monteith, Father Gabriel Richard, and Augustus B. Woodward. Photo by Susan Wineberg

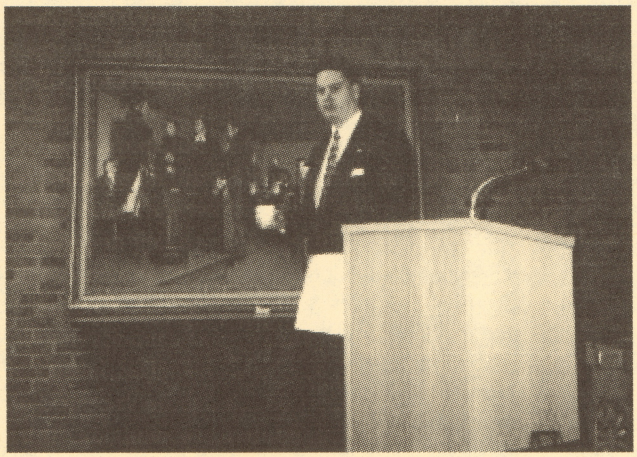
Jerry Preston, PM, spoke on ***A Brief History of Golden Rule Lodge No. 159.*** " The history of Golden Rule is entwined with the history of the founding of Ann Arbor, and while it was the fourth lodge in the city, it still relates to the earliest history of Ann Arbor. On February 24, 1824, John Allen of Virginia and Elisha W. Rumsey of New York arrived from Detroit in a one-horse sleigh. They intended to establish a town and sell land for profit. Allen set up a tent and later built a log blockhouse very near the NW corner of Huron and Main Streets. Rumsey, built his house near Allen Creek, at what is now the SW corner of Huron and First.

It was at Allen's Tavern that the local Masons met and where the first Masonic Lodge, **Western Star No.6,** received its dispensation from the Grand Lodge on **January 16, 1827.** The Grand Lodge itself had just been organized the preceding June by five lodges operating under the Grand Lodge of New York. On January 30, 1827, The Grand Lodge, in extraordinary session, met in Ann Arbor at Allen's Tavern, to consecrate the new lodge and install officers. This was the beginning of Masonry in Ann Arbor and the ancestry of Golden Rule.

In 1881, another committee met to arrange for new quarters, this time on the third floor of the building at SW corner of Main and Huron. This was agreed to in 1885, and the expenses were shared by the various lodges in town. Golden Rule took action to purchase "two pillars, warden's columns, working tools, candle lights, steward's rods, hourglass, at a cost not to exceed $200." This was to be used by all Masonic bodies at the Lodge. Milan Lodge paid $50 for the old columns. Ann Arbor Masonry was now back at the same corner where it had started 60 years earlier. The new hall, the third home of Ann Arbor Masonry, was dedicated on September 24, 1885.

In September 1896, a committee was formed to buy trowels for the members. An order to buy 200 was placed at a cost of $101. In December 1896, the Finance Committee recommended that "no more cigars be furnished to the brothers following lunches. These members should have the interest of Masonry at heart, and attend the lodge without these added inducements." In March 1897, dues were $1.00/year. But two years later, they went back up to $2.00/year. Membership was 276 at the turn of the century.

In 1901, groups starting meeting and discussing the erection of a Masonic Temple. This eventually resulted in the erection of the Temple on S. Fourth Avenue, designed by local architect JJ Rousseau, and dedicated in 1925. Membership began to decline in the 1930s as a result of the Depression. At its peak, lodge membership was 1,036 in 1926. It was primarily policemen and firemen. By 1941, membership was only 556. Due to the declining membership, financial pressures began to plague the Temple Association. In 1956, the temple was rented to the Bendix Corporation, but then the Federal Government entered the picture. "After a court battle, which resulted in our getting LESS than the original amount proffered for our building, we were forced out to West Liberty, where we continue today."



Sean Dykhouse speaking on Ann Arbor Fraternity Lodge #262. Photo: Susan Wineberg

Frank P. Pope, dressed appropriately in elaborate fez, spoke on the "**Zal Gaz Grotto.**" He is a Past Master of Golden Rule and is currently Secretary of Zal Gaz. The Grottoes of North America serve as Freemason social clubs. Zal Gaz (a made-up name

which is supposed to sound Persian) is both a social club and a club which raises money for cerebral palsy and dental care for children with special needs. The **Grotto No. 85** is located at **2070 W. Stadium Blvd** and was founded in 1911.

"In 1889, Leroy Fairchild and other masons from the Hamilton Lodge in Hamilton, New York, banded together to form "Fairchild's Deviltry Committee." These guys visited other lodges, and had a good time with pranks and fun—a devil of a good time. Master Masons of other lodges thought this was a great idea, and in 1890 Fairchild and his group organized the 'Mystic Order of the Veiled…" or commonly known as the Grottos, emphasizing fun and the brighter side of life.

The Grotto is not part of the Masonic ritual but you must be a Master Mason in good standing to belong. Fairchild and his group put together rituals based on the ancient mystic land of Persia, which is now Iran, where of course there are many grottos or caves. Having fun wasn't quite enough and it was felt there was a need for a more serious purpose to help others less fortunate. In June 1949, the Supreme Council—the governing body of the grottoes—formed a humanitarian foundation to fund cerebral palsy research for children. Over $2 million has been raised for this cause to date. In 1970, the Supreme Council added a program for Dentistry for Children with Special Needs. Cleft palate kids are treated for no charge. Over 30,000 children have been treated and much of this has been in Chicago and Cincinnati. Recently the Grottoes have voted to support the Special Olympics in North America.

Zal Gaz got its dispensation in 1910 and on September 27, 1911 received its charter with 100 local masons becoming charter members. Some of them have well known names, which are familiar because there are streets, parks, and businesses bearing their names: **Abbott, Breakey, Dolph, Heusel, Hutchins, Morton, Nickels** (Nickels Arcade—our first monarch in 1911), **Traver, Wilkinson and Wuerth**. Other names involved with Zal Gaz are **Allmendinger, Bonisteel, Doty, Ellsworth, Hiscock, Lutz, Frisinger, Goddard,** and former **President Gerald R. Ford!** The first home of Zal Gaz was in rented rooms on the second floor of an old wooden building at the **SW corner of Main and Washington**, now occupied by the Old Kresge Bldg (Mongolian Barbecue). In 1918, the Grotto moved to **111 ½ W. Huron St.,** where it remained for 32 years. Larger quarters were eventually found in the Wedemeyer Building at **213 1/2 N. Fourth Ave**. But we always dreamed of having our own building and a permanent home. The dream became a reality when **Gottlob Schumacher** and his wife Caroline donated land at 2070 W. Stadium Blvd., with no strings attached except that the Grotto Club be built there. Funds were available from those established at the Temple for special projects. A mortgage was obtained and the current building on Stadium Boulevard was built almost entirely by its own members (we don't do sacrifices or other strange things there!). It is now named the Schumacher Building in memory of the donor of the land. We moved in there in 1958.

A women's group—the **Daughters of Mokanna**—was established and they are related to the Grotto—not a part of it. They were chartered in April 1921. Sadly, after 79 years of existence, the daughters had to surrender their charter last year due to lack of members. The late **Emma Sands** was the one Supreme Officer. During World War II, the group raised over $40,000 for war bonds. The **Drum and Bugle Corps** was started in 1946 and the **Clown Unit** has had a resurgence lately. The Grotto used to have **circuses**—they started in 1939 and lasted until 1945, and many were held in the Masonic Temple downtown. We owned a steam **calliope** that we played but we had to convert to compressed air when we couldn't afford a steam tender. The Grotto continues to support good fellowship which is what we are really all about."

Earl Gunnels, Past Master of **Phoenix Lodge #13** in downtown **Ypsilanti,** spoke on the history of that lodge. It is an interesting tie between the Odd Fellows Lodge, which is an English-based Lodge (a benevolent society) and the Masons. It reflects the British base of the lodge system in American Masonry.

"Here is 155 years of history in 12 minutes—I surrender! In **1823,** the city of Ypsilanti was founded and named after **General Demetrios Ypsilanti,** a Greek general fighting against the Ottoman Empire for independence for Greece. *[Ed: This period in American history saw many who identified with the Greeks, and thus many Greek names were given to cities just being settled in the Northwest Territory. Others in Michigan include Albion, Romulus, Homer, Palmyra, Marcellus, and Athens, to name just a few in southern Michigan].*

Twenty years after settlement, the **Odd Fellows** known as **Wyandotte Lodge #10** was formed September 17, 1845. Chauncey Joslin, Jrilius Morius, James E. Platt and Laurence Cole signed the petition to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which resulted in this organization. The first officers of the lodge were Benjamin Follett, Alfred A. Hunder, Chauncey Joslin and Thomas O. Hill.

The Masons were inspired and shortly thereafter, on **May 10, 1846, the Phoenix Lodge #13** was established under a special dispensation signed by Grand Master **Elengar Hall** at Mt. Clemens with 23 members in attendance. This followed some 10-15 years of anti-Masonic agitation. The infamous Morgan affair was used by certain sects as well as many conscientious people in Ypsilanti to thwart their efforts. But they persevered. The Worshipful Master assigned under this dispensation was **John Van Fossen.** The first charter was issued in January 1847. Many dispensations followed after the official organization in 1846. These included the Excelsior Chapter No. 25 R.A.M. (1860), Union Council No. 11 R & S.M. (1860), and Ypsilanti Chapter No. 119 O.E.S. (1894).

However, from 1860-June 1904, there were two lodges in Ypsilanti, one on the east side of town and the other on the west. The other lodge was **Ypsilanti Lodge #128** which was formed in 1860. There was intense rivalry between the two and I have listened to many tales of the stirring deeds that were performed by each lodge to circumvent the other. Eventually, however, Ypsilanti #128 gave up the ghost.

In **1904** the two were joined to form the **Ypsilanti Masonic Association** and built the **Masonic Temple** at the corner of Pearl and Huron Streets. The lot cost $16,000 and the temple served the town as a place where medium-sized theatricals and other social events could be held. Local churches and the Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) used it a great deal. The ***Ypsilanti Daily*** of May 20, 1907 reported on the plans and the paper of **January 26, 1910** noted that a visitor was most favorably impressed with the great width of the main lobby, the size of the auditorium, (seating 750) and the stage with flies for scenery. This 4-story building even had a bowling alley!

The cornerstone was laid July 22, 1909 with the paper declaring "it was one of the

greatest Masonic events in Michigan." This was because it was the first building in Washtenaw County devoted entirely to Masonic activities. Many papers were placed in the cornerstone, including a $100 Confederate bill, drawings by the architects **Osgood and Osgood,** contractors **Cole Bros.** and lists of officers. One oddity is that there are two dates on the cornerstone. In addition to 1909 is the date 5909. It seems that in years past astronomers believed the world began 4,000 years before Christ. So they began numbering from that time, called the year of light. The Masonic Temple was destroyed twice by fire, November 29, 1924 and August 17, 1970, and each time the building was rebuilt.

Due to increasing maintenance costs, the building was sold in 1987 and later in 1994 to the City of Ypsilanti. It is now the Riverside Performing Arts Center and has been restored. The Masons and all chapters purchased the land at **5752 Whittaker Road** and built the present lodge in **1987-88** and after nine years the mortgage was paid off. The first worshipful master of the new lodge was Brother **Frank Rister Jr** and the first Master Masons raised in the new lodge were **Rick Tiffner** and **Benny Storemski** on February 16, 1988."

Speakers on Masonic topics from left to right: Douglas Gibbs, Karl Grube, Richard Sands, Sean Dykhouse, Earl Gunnels, Paul C. Howell, and Jerry Preston. Photo: S. Wineberg.

At the end of the talk, Dr. Grube commented that what the Temple did for Ypsilanti was quite common in North America. The Masonic Temple in Detroit is still a major performance space, with its offices and 14-story tower, and it served as Detroit's *civic* auditorium for decades and decades. This private-public partnership has a long history in America!

Douglas R. Gibbs, Worshipful Master, discussed **Prince Hall** Masonry. He noted it has its roots in Colonial America under the auspices of the British Empire. Prince Hall was a Freeman of color, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a Boston Military Lodge. Today, the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan recognize Prince Hall Masonry and its Grand Master. For many years, however, this was not the case due to the racism among many other Masons. For years **St. Mary's Lodge No. 4** members have participated with distinction in Masonic ritual degrees at the Ann Arbor Masonic Temple.

"There are two Prince Hall Lodges in the Washtenaw County area—St. Mary's No. 4 of Ann Arbor [and we are the fourth oldest lodge in Michigan since we started in 1867]—and **St. Andrew's Lodge of Ypsilanti**. Here is an irony: half of St. Mary's members live in Ypsilanti and half of St. Andrew's members live in Ann Arbor.."

What is a Prince Hall mason? African Lodge #459 was the first lodge in Negro Freemasonry in North America. Its first Master was Prince Hall—a man whose biography has yet to be written except in condensed form. One of the most important aspects of his life, which is often omitted from histories, is that had he not been a black man, history would have told his story fearlessly and met criticism with truth. Prince Hall was born September 12, 1748 at **Bridgetown, Barbados, British West Indies.** His father was Thomas Prince Hall, an Englishman engaged in business, and his mother was a Free Woman of French descent. His parents, though poor, were known as pious persons of excellent character. Prince Hall heard about a vessel in port bound for America and convinced the captain to let him work for his passage. The captain hesitated, but agreed to take him and Prince Hall arrived in Boston in March 1765.

On July 3, 1775, General Washington unfurled the national flag over Cambridge for the first time and on that same day Prince Hall organized and dedicated to God, St. **Johns African Lodge No. 459,** the first lodge of Negro Masons in North America. On March 2, 1784, he addressed the Grand Lodge of England, asking for a Warrant of Constitution for his Lodge. The Warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of England and in 1787 Captain Scott brought the warrant from England. Prince Hall went to the office of Sir William Might, Grand Secretary of the Modern Masons on Green St and called for the Warrant—which cost him about $27.72! African Lodge No. 459 was formally constituted on May 6, 1787 at The Golden Fleece on Water Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

The African Grand Lodge of North America was formed June 24, 1791, in Boston and its first officer included Prince Hall as Grand Master. Several years later the Grand Lodge of England suspended African Lodge of North America due to a lack of communication. It was not until 1974 that the African Grand Lodge of North American was reinstated by England!

St. Mary's Lodge No. 4 was chartered in Ann Arbor Michigan in 1867. Since that time, we have worked in the community and the churches and there are currently about 90 members. I have been the Worshipful Master since 2001 and have raised 15 new brothers since that time. About 12 of those were raised at the lodge

on Liberty Street. But we actually meet at the AME Church on John Woods Drive. We are in the process of building a lodge, especially since (no one knows this) St. Mary's is the richest Blue Lodge in the state of Michigan, but one of the few that does not have its own lodge. I have made this project my own and have vowed to have a new lodge before I leave office.

One of our main projects in the community, held at the Ann Arbor Community Center on North Main, is a Recognition Banquet. This is to recognize all the widows who are still with us, to let them know we are grateful for them and their husband's contributions in the past. Another thing we do every year is go to Alma, where we visit the Masonic Home. We have always received a warm welcome, and no hostility. I think it's one of the most beautiful sights, because we are all Free and Accepted Masons.

Another special thing we do at that time, which we don't call a scholarship, is give money to two high school students a year (from a pair of major and minor high schools). We like to reward students who **improve** their grades. We also give out Christmas baskets to the needy."

In the question and answer session, Gibbs commented on the racism and lack of acceptance of black Masons for many years. Up until 1974, they were not officially accepted. When they were accepted back in the 1700s, the white Grand Lodges that associated with them received a lot of pressure not to. They were essentially blackballed from official Masonry. So, before they had their apron strings cut, they cut their ties. After 1974, the English Grand Lodge essentially forced the North American lodges to accept Prince Hall Masonry. Their logic was they had given Prince Hall a charter just like to others and therefore we are all brothers. If you don't recognize them, we won't recognize you.

Dr. Sands commented that during the 1960s, when racial tensions were at their height and riots common, the only group which could calm the black community was the Prince Hall Masons." The police were very reluctant to go into the Black community so they called the Master of St. Mary's Lodge and the next day the trouble makers walked into the police department of their own volition for questioning. That tells you the regard with which the Prince Hall Masons were held in their own community in Ann Arbor. And all of us should applaud them for that, because if I had tried that, as the Master of my lodge, I'd be rolling down the sidewalk! This story should be known to everyone who lives in Ann Arbor."

The final speaker was **Paul C. Howell,** a decorated Viet Nam veteran, wounded in action as a helicopter pilot. He is the Past Master of Ann Arbor Fraternity Lodge and is the past Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan. This was expressed through his quite colorful regalia, featured in the ***Ann Arbor News***. He spoke on the York Rite in Washtenaw County.

"The **York Rite of Freemasonry** consists of four distinct and separate Sovereign Masonic Bodies—the **Symbolic Lodge, the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masons and the Commandery of Knights Templar.** The symbolic lodge teaches lessons of spiritual and moral growth to the individual through symbolism and stresses the major tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth. This is revealed through the Bible from the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple. There are three degrees of the symbolic lodge. In these we learn to improve ourselves and learn of the greatness and importance of a deity, and that is stressed very heavily, and learn moral lessons through the four cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. We are taught to prepare ourselves for a future world to come—that we are all going to be joining this world in the future.

The Chapter and Council continue the explanation of the Degrees and lessons taught in the **Symbolic Lodge**. They are the educational and informational branches of the Masonic Fraternity. Most of the information presented was originally a part of the original three degrees of the Symbolic Lodge which have been maintained for the spiritual and fundamental growth of the Mason so that he is better prepared to improve himself to benefit and support his family, his community, and his country.

The York Rite was formed when the Masonic Fraternity shortened or simplified those three established degrees. In the **Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons,** they have four degrees. The first one is the mark degree, probably the oldest of all the Masonic degrees. Here we are taught a lesson in humility. The Past Master's Degree instructs in the implements of the Lodge, what they are and their proper uses. The Most Excellent Master Degree teaches us to be more faithful to our God and to preserve all that is good for future generations. The Royal Arch Degree teaches us that though our travels may be dangerous and difficult, if we stay focused, we will prevail and we will find the light.

The **Council of Royal and Select Masters** consists of three degrees—the Royal Masters Degree supplies teachings of a useful labor on earth, giving instruction as to the preservation of all of our valuable secrets. The Select Master imparts information to make the degrees of the symbolic lodge and the chapter completely understandable. In the Super Extant Masters Degree stresses that a man should do all in his power to improve his life here on earth. He should do all he can to consider his life here to be a part of his immortality.

The **Commandery of the Knights Templar** is the only Christian Organization in the Masonic Fraternity. It bases its beliefs and teachings on the glorious chivalric history of the Knights Templar, the Crusaders who fought so valiantly in defense of Christianity. Its degrees are called **Orders,** not degrees. I don't know why. The First Order is that of the **Red Cross**, and is founded on the lesson of Truth, the foundation of every virtue. The **Order of Knights of Malta,** known to have been in existence as early as 1099, were the first organized body whose avowed purpose was the succor and care of the injured on the battlefield. There is nothing more solemn, no degree more solemn, than that which you would find in the **Christian Order of the Order of the Temple**

The Masonic Fraternity is not a philanthropic society, but it does give over $3 million a day to Charity and Relief. The York Rite through the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program based in Colorado, supports several charities including hearing disorders in young men, vascular biology research, Holy Land pilgrimage, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and low cost loans for students in their last two years of college.

The **York Rite in Washtenaw County** has been active since **January 1850** when Washtenaw Chapter No. 6 (Ann Arbor) was chartered. There are currently three Royal Arch Chapters in Ann Arbor, Milan and Ypsilanti. There have been eight state presiding officers from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Chelsea and Manchester. The first was Benjamin Watts in 1888 and the last was myself in 1997.

Union Council No. 11 was chartered in Ypsilanti in January 1895. They are still active along with Ann Arbor Council No. 86. Together they have provided five state presiding officers. The first was John Kingsley in 1903 and the last was Harold Blaess in 1986.

Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13 was chartered in June 1865. They remain active along with Ypsilanti Commandery No. 54. They have provided three state presiding officers in their tenure, William G. Doty in 1890 and Arthur Trevithick in 1978."

During the question and answer session, the differences between Scottish Rite and York Rite were discussed. Brother Gibbs pointed out that the Scottish Rite emphasizes the military side of Masonry, while the York Rite is the more spiritual side. Dr. Grube commented that Scottish Rite is French in origin, despite the name.

Karl Grube received a loud ovation for his hard work in organizing this event, and he responded by encouraging everyone to visit the Masons Exhibit at the Museum on Main Street on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Three rooms of Masonic Regalia are on display at 500 N. Main Street between noon and 4 PM. The exhibit will be up until November 30.

Jimmy Carter Memorabilia On Display

WCHS members **Douglas** and **Mary Kelley** are inviting members to a special exhibit honoring former President Jimmy Carter, on **Sunday, January 19**, at 2:30 p.m. The exhibit, in honor of President Carter's Nobel Peace Prize, includes dozens of campaign posters photos, sculptures, garments, buttons, badges, autographed items, and Camp David and Habitat for Humanity-related items. The exhibit is at **910 Sunset** behind their home.

Dr. Kelley served for two years as secretary of the committee which advised the National Park Service in planning the Carter Museum now open in the former Plains, Georgia railroad depot. A video will also be shown and refreshments served.

To be assured of seating **(limited to 25)**, those planning to attend should phone the Kelleys in advance at **(734) 662-1731.**

Your Musem

It's never dull at the museum and this month saw lots of excitement. **Jeff Henry** of **Diggit** came with his backhoe to connect the sump pump (finally!) to the storm sewer. **Rick Owen** served as the plumber. It is done and we are quite pleased, though our garden, steps, and fence took a bit of a beating. This two-day job cost us about $9,000 and our Treasurer **Patty Creal** oversaw it all (she claims to like this sort of thing!). It was expensive, but it needed to be done. Now we have one less thing on our plate to worry us.

Joe Majorana and **Jerry Protiva** finished putting in the insulation and covering the wonderful accordion lath in the second floor space to the tune of $16,000. This too needed to be done and we now have a warm, tight space that can be used as workspace upstairs. As we move towards hiring some permanent staff, this will be even more important. Joe's staff will begin working on the basement door and the two back doors this month.

Tom Freeman reports that the **Bach Bequest Fund** has done well despite the downturn in the market. We may soon have a better picture of how much money we will have to pay a professional to manage some or all of the duties of running a museum.

On the advice of our treasurer, we will be proposing a change in the bylaws to change our fiscal year to January-December. Currently it is from July-June and this makes it difficult to assign memberships to a fiscal year. And, please renew your memberships! We count on you, our loyal members, to continue with your support.

On our **wish list**: **100% cotton sheets** for protecting our artifacts. We have been helped by **Chezarae Rose,** a recent graduate in historic preservation from the EMU program, and are really getting organized. Hence, the need for file cabinets! We also got some unexpected help from former Board Member **Lisa Black,** who offered to vacuum the second floor. It's always great to reconnect with our former board members! Thank you all for your help.

Remember When?

Here's another item purchased recently on Ebay showing the **Anson Brown Building** on **Broadway at Pontiac** in 1960. This is the oldest surviving commercial building in the city and was built in 1832. A recent article in the ***Ann Arbor News*** stated that owner Jim Koli plans to create artist studios on the upper floors. The building to the east was once four stories high and was known as the Ingalls Block. It once housed the offices of the famous clairvoyant **Dr. Daniel B. Kellogg.**

The Anson Brown Building (1832) as it looked in 1960. Collection of Susan Wineberg

Future Programs

Our Sunday programs cover a fascinating array of topics in unusual locations. We hope you will join us the third Sunday of every month, from 2-4 PM. All programs are free and open to the public. Light refreshments are usually served. Members receive a post card every month with more details and maps of how to reach the meeting.

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 16 • 2 PM
COURT HOUSE SQUARE
100 S. FOURTH AVE., ANN ARBOR

Pam Newhouse, a former Board Member and activist with the Civil War Roundtable in Washtenaw County will lecture on "*The Ryder Brothers' Civil War Letters.*" John and Alfred Ryder of Livonia were both killed at Gettysburg, July 1 and July 3, 1865.

SUNDAY • MARCH 16 • 2 PM
YPSILANTI FIRE EQUIPMENT MUSEUM, 110 W. CROSS ST.

Marcia McCrary, President of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County and Curator of the Fire Museum, will speak on the history of the Museum and its brand new addition.

SUNDAY • APRIL 27 • 2 PM
ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
300 N. DIVISION, ANN ARBOR
(Please note this is the fourth Sunday)

As part of the continuation of the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of St. Andrew's, **Louisa Pieper** and **Grace Shackman** will give **walking tours** of the Old Fourth Ward Historic District surrounding the church. Docents will be giving guided tours of the church. ***The Windows of St. Andrew's,*** a book on the history of the church's windows, will be available for sale. Light refreshments will be served at 4 PM.

WEDNESDAY • MAY 21 • 6 PM
ANNUAL MEETING
COBBLESTONE FARM
2781 PACKARD RD.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held at the **Cobblestone Farm** Barn and will consist of our usual yummy potluck plus a guided tour of the 1844 Cobblestone House and outbuildings.

Around The Town

Remaining lectures at the **UM Detroit Observatory** for 2002 include **Julie Truettner** speaking on "***Alexander Jackson Davis and his 1848 Architectural Designs for the University of Michigan Campus***." She lectures on **Tuesday, November 19** at 3 PM. On **Tuesday, December 10, Thomas E. Moore** will speak on the "***Creation of the University's Museums: Ornithologist J.B. Steere's 1870 Worldwide Expedition.***"

In 2003, the following lectures have been announced: On **Tuesday, January 21,** 3–5 PM, **Jana Nidiffer** will speak on "***Pioneering Deans of Women: More Than Wise and Pious Matrons.***" In the late 19th Century, women's entry to colleges and universities was challenged as being bad for women, bad for higher education, and bad for society; yet many young women bravely entered amidst all the antagonism. Dr. Nidiffer discusses her book on deans of women, the first professional women administrators, who helped women students at coeducational institutions cope with their travails. **On Tuesday, February 18,** 7–9:30 PM, **Marsha Ackermann,** will speak on "***Michigan's Weather Man: The Triumphs and Tragedy of Mark Walrod Harrington.***" Mark W. Harrington (1848-1926), third director of the UM Detroit Observatory, became the inaugural director of the U.S. Weather Bureau in 1891. In later years, his physical and mental health deteriorated, and he died in a mental institution. Dr. Ackermann highlights Harrington's weather expertise, and connects his meteorological investigations to the ways we think about weather and weather forecasting today. On **Tuesday, March 11, 2003,** 3–5 PM, **David A. Bloom, M.D.** will speak on ***Barometers and Bladders: A Primer on Pressure.***" Dr. Bloom will explore the concept of pressure as a physical phenomenon, and its relevance in biology and medicine. On **Tuesday, April 1, 3–5 p.m., Leonard A. Walle** will lecture on ***"Chasing The Light: 19th Century Astronomical Photography and Its Pioneers."*** Early photography was used to capture and document eclipses, comets, meteorites and the moon as well as astronomers, their telescopes, observatories and expeditions. Through images from a collection assembled over the past 30 years, Dr. Walle recounts this history and his own adventures in collecting and researching astronomical photographs.

The Observatory will also be hosting **Tours** on **Wednesday, December 4**, from 2-5 PM, and on **Wednesday, December 11** from 2-5 PM.

All lectures are in the main lecture room at **1398 E. Ann St** and are limited to the first 40 people. The lectures are free and open to the public. Visit them at their website at **www. DetroitObservatory.umich.edu.** or call **734-763-2230.** The Observatory is a restored 1854 Italianate building and the only observatory in the US with its original instruments in place.

Cobblestone Farm is sponsoring many special events in the future. On **Sunday, December 8**, from 1-5 PM, **Country Christmas** will be celebrated as a traditional 19th century event with costumed interpreters and seasonal crafts. A small fee is charged. On **Friday, February 7** from 6-9 PM, a **Winter Evening** from the past can be experienced. All ages can escape the wintry weather and experience a typical evening at the farmstead, when courting and quilting were common. The farm, a restored 1844 Cobblestone Building owned by the City of Ann Arbor, is located at **2781 Packard Road.** Call **734-971-8789** for details.

Kempf House is always fun during the holidays. You can get the feel of German Christmas décor by visiting the Museum at 312 S. Division St. and by attending their **Caroling Party** on **Friday, December 6** from 7-9 PM. They go caroling downtown and return to the house for hot cider and homemade

cookies. They will also be hosting **Open Houses** on **Saturday** and **Sunday, December 7** and **8**, and **December 14** and **15.** All are from 1-4 PM and are free and open to the public. For more details call **734-994-4898.**

The **Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County** meets **Sunday, November 24** and the speaker will be **Mary Lou Duncan** who will lecture on ***"Irish Research: The Eliot Papers."*** The class will be taught by **Carolyn Griffin** on "How to Organize Your Research." The meetings are held at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center (use Parking Lot P), which is located just east of Huron River Drive and Clark Road. You can visit their website at **www.hvcn.org/info/gscw** for more details.

Those of you who spend time at the **Bentley Library** will be sad to learn that **Ken Scheffel** retired November 6. Ken was the Field Representative and spent many days on the road, investigating and collecting for the Library. He is happy he can now retire to southern Ohio and relax in the warmth (!) of the 'south.' We wish him the best, but we will miss him!

Through the wonders of the Internet, we have learned of a group of 5-6 people who are collaborating on a book for **Argus Camera** collectors. They are looking for anyone who can give them some 'inside' information that would add to the text. They've been in contact with Joe O'Neal and used the Calvin Foster Collection at the Bentley but would still like more. If you have any information they can use, contact **Mike Reitsma** by e-mail at **mikepam@ix.netcome.com.**

The students in the Preservation Program at **Eastern Michigan University** announced their November event as a lecture by **Elizabeth Kestens** on her genealogical program known as **Clooz** (see **www.clooz.com**). **Dan Le Blond,** an alumnus of the program and now active with the **Plymouth Historical Museum,** has been working with her to expand this program to tie houses to genealogical information, allowing users to search both by name and residence. The lecture is at the Plymouth Historical Museum on **Friday, November 22** at 7:30 PM. The Museum is located at 155 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth. Call **734-455-8940** or visit their website at **www.plymouth.lib.mi.us/.** Their *"Civil War Remembrances Exhibit"* will be on display and remain until June 2003.

Around Washtenaw

The folks in **Dexter** will be holding their **Holiday Bazaar** on **Saturday, December 7** from 9-3 and on **Sunday, December 8** from 1-3 PM. Their Annual Christmas Sing will be **Friday, December 13** at 7 PM. Both activities are at the Museum located at 3443 Inverness. Call **734-426-2519** if you've got questions.

In **Saline,** they continue with their lecture series on **Wednesday, November 20,** when the topic will be the **Schuyler-Haywood Mill** (i.e., Weller's today). For information call **734-944-0442.** The talk is at the Saline Depot, 402 N. Ann Arbor St. Thinking a bit ahead, save **January 17** and **18** for Saline's 16th **Annual Antique Show** at the Farm Council Grounds on Ann Arbor-Saline Road. There is a $3.00 admission for this and it's worth every penny. All proceeds benefit the **Saline Area Historical Society** as well.

There's a new reason to visit **Chelsea**—to see the newly painted loading towers of the Chelsea Milling Company featuring a giant sized **Jiffy Mix Box.** We got a preview in the ***Ann Arbor News*** in October.

And not quite in Washtenaw, we can report that **Clinton (Lenawee)** has received its designation as a part of the **US-12 State Heritage Route.** A historic marker now marks the spot and preservationist **Sharon Scott** was beaming as she noted (See ***Ann Arbor News,*** October 21) that "it's so beautiful between here and Saline—The thought of that [not] being destroyed is one of the great pleasures of the drive." This is a quiet vista of gently rolling fields and will be preserved as part of the **Heritage Route Designation Program** sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation. **Clinton and Clinton Township** are now celebrating the designation of their three-mile section of US-12 (Saline did last year). US-12 was first officially U.S. 112 in the 1920s, but the route is an ancient Indian Trail often referred to as the **Sauk Trail.** Despite the designation, however, there are no regulations forcing Clinton to preserve historic buildings or the rural character of the road. They will try, but development pressures are making it hard.

Sue Kosky, a board member of WCHS and a member of the Heritage Route Committee, has informed me that the committee is **searching for rocks!** Boulders were set up along US-12 and five have been 'discovered" in **Ypsilanti, Clinton, Edwardsville, Three Oaks** and **Union,** with plaques or etched inscriptions dedicated to the Chicago Road 1826. If you know of any boulders, or stumble across one on your way to work, e-mail **Gladys Saborio** at **gsaborio@voyager.net** or call the WCHS at **734-662-9092.**

Beyond Washtenaw

I just returned from the **National Trust for Historic Preservation** meeting in **Cleveland, Ohio** and came back with tons of information on preservation activities in Ohio and around the country. Cleveland is a good example of the major role preservation can play in the revitalization of a depressed major urban area. Cleveland, like Detroit, has lost half its population in the last 20 years. But it has used preservation as a tool to provide shopping, offices and housing in its downtown core. Detroit could take a page from their book! But Detroit is trying: The **Inn on Ferry Street** won a prestigious National Preservation Award at this conference for converting four historic houses into an inn, bringing economic vitality to an inner-city neighborhood, and Ypsilanti's own **Lis Knibbe**, the architect of the project, was there to accept. Congratulations!

Two more pieces of good news from Detroit are that the **Book-Cadillac Hotel** (1924-Book Bros. Hotel) shuttered now for 18 years **will be restored** as a luxury hotel in time for the Super Bowl. Also being restored is the **Kales Building** (1914- built as the headquarters for SS Kresge Co.) at 76 W. Adams that will be converted into loft apartments with the help of a loan from the DDA. Let's hope this is the start of a trend! But the sad reality is that this is

rare. The historic **Madison-Lenox Hotel**, across from the DAC, is slated for demolition.

Thanks to the **Metropolitan Detroit Preservation League's** newsletter, we can let you know about many house tours during the holiday season. But space constraints allow us only to mention them: **Livonia's Christmas Walk** is scheduled for **December 7** from 10-5. A **Gallery Crawl** with **Preservation Wayne** will be held on **Saturday, December 7** and will visit over 40 galleries. **PW's Annual Holiday Soiree** will be on **Friday, December 6** at the **Hecker Smiley Mansion** on Woodward at Ferry. The 28th Annual **Boston-Edison Holiday Homes Tour** will be on **Sunday, December 15th.** And the **Candlelight Tour of Historic Greenmead Village** will be **December 26** and **27** in **Livonia.** And the **"Glorious Glamorous 30's"** will be celebrated during the **Holiday Walk at Meadowbrook Hall** beginning **Friday, November 29** and going through **Sunday, December 22.**

Further south, the **Old Village Plat Neighborhood Association of Monroe,** Michigan is sponsoring a **Christmas Parlor Tour** of five private houses on **Saturday, December 7.** The downtown will be brightly lit and other 19th century homes and churches will be decorated appropriately. A standard tour will be held from 4-7 PM and a Candlelight tour, which includes food and drink and costs $20, will be held from 8-9:30. For more information call **734-243-3244.**

The **Michigan Library and Historical Center** sponsored an Oral history Workshop called the **Veterans History Project** on **November 9, 2002.** This project is designed for both novice and experienced oral historians interested in capturing and preserving America's wartime experiences. For more information call **517-373-2475** or check the website **www.michigan.gov/hal.**

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network will hold its **8th Annual Fall Benefit** at the **Henry Ford Fairlane Estate** on **Friday, November 15.** To attend call **248-625-8181.** The Network just released a report on the economic benefits of preservation in Michigan which was widely reported on the radio this month. The impact of preservation has been tremendous, especially for tourism, but also for revitalization, since more jobs have been created than in manufacturing. Over $1 billion has been generated since 1971. You can e-mail *mhpn@voyager.net* for more information. The Network also announced its **23rd Annual Preservation Conference** will be held in **Kalamazoo, April 24-26, 2003.** You can visit their website at **www.kalamazoocity.org.** A wonderful book entitled **Kalamazoo: Lost and Found,** by Lynn Houghton and Pamela O'Connor, can be purchased at **www.kalamazoohistory.org.** The book was recently awarded a prize by the Historical Society of Michigan.

The Network's newsletter also reported that the **Packard Motor Car Foundation** signed a lease with Ford Motor Land Development Corp. to operate and maintain a portion of the former **Packard Motor Car Company Proving Ground Testing Facility** in Shelby Township, **Macomb County.** This includes the preservation of the Gate Lodge built in 1928 and designed by **Albert Kahn.** The Foundation plans to restore the building and convert them to their headquarters as well as open a museum there. They also plan to use the large engineering garage and lab buildings as a restaurant and banquet facility.

News flash! The **Henry Ford Heritage Association's** free fall field trip will be held **Saturday, November 16** from 10-3 PM. The group, led by **Mike Skinner** will tour the **1924 Ford Engineering Lab,** a building containing one of the two original offices of Henry Ford that are still in existence. In the afternoon, the group will take a walking tour of the Ford Homes Historic District in Dearborn led by **Sylvia Tillman.** For more information, check the HFHA website at **www. Hfha.org** or e-mail Sylvia Tillman at **syltillman@wideopenwest.com.**

In Michigan you can help support the **preservation of historic lighthouses** by buying the new Lighthouse License Plate depicting the beautiful White Shoal Lighthouse in the Straits of Mackinac. Your can purchase it through the Secretary of State at their offices or through their website at **www.sos.state.mi.us.**

Closer to Washtenaw, we can report that the **Green Oak Township** people are still struggling to save the **1857 Gage Farm House** on Kensington Road, which served as their headquarters for 20 years. It is now owned by the DNR which plans to demolish all the buildings. But they are hopeful they will acquire the Historic **Township Hall** built in 1856. You can write, phone or e-mail the Township Board to let them know you care!

If you'd like to support the **Lenawee County Historical Society**, you can order a **2003 calendar** for $6.00 or two for $10.00 and have it mailed for another $1.50. Call the Museum at **517-265-6071** to get more details. The calendar features old photographs of historic buildings from all over the county and there are some beauties!

The **Plymouth Historical Society** (Wayne County) is hosting a series of programs on Plymouth's Past using their new book Plymouth's ***First Century.*** Each month a speaker will deal with a piece of Plymouth history. Call **734-455-8940** or visit their website at **www.plymouth.lib.mi.us/~history** and click on 'coming attractions.' Several genealogy workshops are planned as well for **Saturday, November 16**, and **Saturday, January 18.**
Some of the topics include Irish ancestors, women in your family tree, dating photographs through fashion, and preserving your family memories. Each session is $25.00.

Collections

Collections Chair **Judy Chrisman** got a team of people to help empty a room at Willow Run and bring the materials to our museum's new storage facility. Thanks to **Pat Thompson, Ralph Beebe, Patty Creal, Ann** and **Greg DeFreytas, Sue Kosky** and **Judy's husband John** for all their help. Think of all the money we will save on storage fees to the University of Michigan, as well as the goodies that can now come to light.

Beyond Michigan

Like **scenic highways?** There is a conference for you! It is the 2003 National Scenic Byways Conference, to be held May 18-21 in **Albuquerque, NM.** Contact the **America's Byways Resource Center,** 227 W. First St., Duluth, MN 55802 or visit **www.byways.org.**

Like **bungalows?** The **Historic Chicago Bungalow Initiative** has just won an award from the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois. Chicago has 80,000 early 20th century brick bungalows and this bungalow initiative has created special mortgage rates for new buyers. A new association is also providing architectural assistance, seminars, tours, an exhibit and a book. Check them out at **www.chicagobungalow.org.**

Like historic buildings? **Heritage Preservation Services** of the US Department of the Interior, **National Park Service,** are a wonderful resource. You can learn about historic landscapes, historic styles, American Battlefields, tax credits, paints, roofs, lath—you name it! Just check out **www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/care.** It will really be worth it. But beware. You can spend a whole day checking things out!

Travel a lot? You might want to tailor a trip to look at all the monuments **UNESCO's World Heritage Sites.** This agency now works to protect 730 national treasures in 125 countries. You can view them at **whc.unesco.org/heritage.htm.** Sites range from thousand-year old vineyards in Hungary to ancient Mayan cities to temples in India and castles in the upper Rhine. Ooh, I want to hop on a plane right now.

Campus denizens! There was a national conference on the **Preservation and Management of Historic Campus Grounds** in Minneapolis, but we missed it since it was October 24. But if you want to know about the next one, contact the **Historic Landscape Initiative** at **202-343-9597.**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently announced a new website for its members and others. This one featured the fuss over developments near the Chancellorsville Battlefield site in Virginia. Check it out at **member.nationaltrust.org.**

Museum Shop...

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hand crocheted snowflakes, **Harriet Birch's** painted bells, mugs, T-shirts, postcards, bookmarks, stationary with our logo, and much much more! Come on down and see for yourself!

Old Fourth Ward Calendar For Sale

A wonderful calendar highlighting the historic buildings in the **Old Fourth Ward** (bounded by Huron, Kerrytown, Glen and Depot) is out and for sale both at local bookstores and in our own museum shop. The calendar retails for $12.00 and features yours truly as the May pin-up. Developed and produced by OFW treasurer **Richard Borer**, the calendar showcases a neighborhood not well known to the public. A special calendar party will be held at the **Shaman Drum Bookstore**, 313 S. State on **Wednesday, November 20,** from 8-9:30 PM.

Cooking A Husband

I can't help it—I have to share this recent Ebay purchase. It is on the back of an advertising card for Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder and dates to 1884.

"In selecting your husband you should be guided by the silvery appearance, as in buying mackerel; not by the golden tint as if you wanted salmon. Be sure to select him yourself, as tastes differ. Do not go to market for him, as the best are always brought to your door; and even then it is far better to have none, unless you patiently learn how to cook him. A preserving kettle of finest porcelain is best but an earthenware pipkin will do as well...Tie him in the kettle by strong silk cord called "comfort," as the one called 'duty' is apt to be too weak. They are apt to fly out of the kettle, or be burned and crusty on the edges, since, like lobsters, you must cook them while alive. Make a clear, steady fire out of love, neatness and cheerfulness. If he sputters and fizzes do not be anxious; some husband do this until they are quite done. Add a little sugar, in the form of kisses, but no vinegar or pepper on any account. A little spice improves them, but must be used with judgment. Do not stick any sharp instrument into him to see if he is becoming tender. Stir him gently, watching the while lest he lies too flat and close to the kettle and so becomes useless. You cannot fail to know when he is done. If thus treated you will find him very digestible, agreeing nicely with you and the children, and he will keep as long as you want, unless you become careless, or set him in too cold a place."

How to Cook a Husband. Collection of Susan Wineberg

New Brochure In The Works

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Louisa Pieper has put the finishing touches on a new **full color brochure** highlighting historic museums and public buildings in Washtenaw County. It will highlight, in Ann Arbor, The Museum on Main Street, UM's Detroit Observatory, Cobblestone Farm, Kempf House, the Genealogy Library, and the Bentley Library; Chelsea's Depot Museum; Dexter and Webster Township's Museums; Manchester's Blacksmith Shop; Milan's Hack House and Fire Hall; Saline's Depot Museum and the Rentschler Farm; Washtenaw County's Parker Mill and Sharon Mill; and Ypsilanti's Auto Heritage Museum, Fire Museum, Historical Museum and Yankee Air Museum. **Peter Heydon** of the **Mosaic Foundation** has very generously provided the WCHS with $1,500 that will cover half the costs. This challenge grant will be matched by the participating organizations.

Webmaster Wanted

Ed Wall of **Pierian Press** and the **Pittsfield Historical Society**, and **Karl Grube** have offered to provide us with software for a website. We still need a webmaster, however, to scan in all the material including photographs, information, the program schedule, and news bits from the *Impressions*. Any takers out there? Please call 734-662-9092 if you can help us.

Open Houses For The Holidays

Don't forget our two weekends of Open Houses, **Saturdays** and **Sundays December 7** and **8**, and **December 14** and **15**. We'll have the house decorated for the season, have lots of goodies to eat and purchase, and have our **"Toys of Yore"** display up and running.

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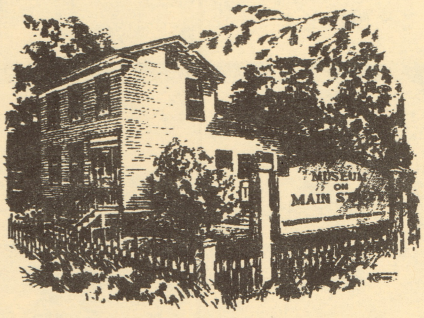

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